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For: ALIPHATIC POLYESTER MULTI-FILAMENT

CRIMP YARN FOR A CARPET, AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

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Sir:

- I, Kazuya Matsumura, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America as follows:
- 1. I am one of the joint inventors, who filed the above-identified application on April 2, 2004.
- 2. The invention claimed in the subject application was completed prior to the April 10, 2002, filing date of the Okawa et al. reference (JP 2002-105752). A redacted copy of Test Request Cards/Test Result Reports and a redacted copy of Half Monthly Reports by the Industrial Material/Interior Engineering Section of Toray Industries are enclosed. All of these reports were prepared and dated prior to April 10, 2002. These reports have been redacted to remove portions not relevant to the claimed invention. In addition, an English translation of the relevant portions has been provided for your convenience.

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- 3. I do not know and do not believe that the invention has been in public use or on sale in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or any other foreign country for more than one year prior to our application, and I have never abandoned our invention.
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题 行: 解FY转移器 (BCF-C)

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項目	2000-136-LD28
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目的	DSCKポリ乳酸BCFの試作(B02-12)
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宛て先:産FY技術部(BCF-G) 西地副部員 発行:品質保証課 别级 粉熙、 对,而找性异脑口心对异脑经3发乳疮 部分出 発 行 受 理 慳 担当君

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めて先 爾格里、羅格里 鐮 Ceared bol-0 発行: 〇鐘品質集座碑 经政策号 2000 - 136 - 10 28 品 目的 DSCKかり乳酸 BCFの試作(802-(2) 錘 . 斑 水潭 水學 水潭 **铃** 生 5 SP 6 SP 6 SP 5 SP 6SP 55P Œ Ω dtex 熞 1523 1515 1461 (444 1587 1582 逐 验 カ N 22,9 19.9 18.9 15.4 23.5 15,0 Œ 20 Œ c N 1.50 1.55 (,3 1 0,97 0.95 1.36 Œ 伸 98 41.5 40,3 41,4 32.3 31.4 部即水四隔 2. 3、 5,7 政强数物理神经密 1.2 1,0 1,0 1,0 印水铅伸强伸及邓 8,8 96 6.3 5,8 5.5 9,0 5.8 1 7.0 6.8 7.2 23 **₽**€ 時祭の展展。原政方法 行: #FY1-12

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N-BOF 與鹽族果鄉告亞

あて先 1 1 班 强 森 敬, EFY我到 BOF-G **光行: 『途島通泉歴**典 突跨番号 品 圝 2000-136-LD 28 目的 DSCKやり乳酸 BCFの試作(802-12) æ . 水準 四 知 & 水準 5 水涟 符 胜 5 SP 6 SP 5 SP 650 5 SP 658 Œ 以 dtex 欧 1517 1506 2069 2048 2051 2046 Œ 16,9 兹 力 N 15.9 27.9 27、2 28.8 28.5 € 弦 壓 a N Kil 1.06 1.35 133 1.41 1-39 Œ 伸 麼 98 31.9 31.1 40.7 41.6 39.5 41.6 邵即水识温 28 98 4.7 3.8 4.4 6.0 5.5 ₹\$ 斑绿绿梅园陶瓷盘 95 1.0 1.0 1.0 0,8 1.0 1.0 印水飲伸腦伸吳雄 58 7.5 7.2 5.5 5,2 5.0 5、1 谷 缩 W ٥ 9,4 7.3 7.2 7.0 7. 韲 A 形 E 4.23 3.81 3.15 4.09 務果の収穫。政政方法 ग्नः DFY1-12 粗; (雪)

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あて先 **國 隆** 第 1 CA CA 海 河 泉 证FY经图 BOY-G 死行: 凸缝品口条框具 经设置号 ■ 2000 - 136 - LD38 DSCKポリ乳酸 蹇、 題 BCF 9 監作 (802 - 12) **333** 水哗 符· 进 500 6 SP 正 图 dtex 廐 Œ 逾 'n N 姥 225 甦 cN 褎 伸 Œ 研图水収缩 XX. 93 45 **旗馆 飲 伸 随 伸 要 罩** 98 田水铅伸圈伸及平 98 繻 **EX** Wigger · 面 F 秘 Œ 結果の観要。既致力法 行: QFY1-12

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試 驗 依 頼 伝 票

宛て先:品质保証器纖維 G

発行:産FY技術部(BCF-G)

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項	名 ·目	1170-68-PLAY 國底,強度,伸起、忍収,伸長時間,他級率間,山致	
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	的	ボリ矾酸揺縮加工糸の物性確認(低熱処理、破除エアー)	2.7.4.5 观行。 * *
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死て先: 品質傑		発行:應FY技	新部 (BCF-G)
品名	2200-136-PLAY		
項目	(協)率品的、(協)率品的、功能、泊的、治証、知知	,山脉、耐燥饱仰度	
敏 口	1 O C H	(超-1,2 924)	
目的	ポリ乳酸接縮加工糸の物性確認		
经 類	CPN A-2m/c 7, 8POS		
篷 歴	微-1, 2 水郷 No. ①~®		
発 行			要 理

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宛て先:産FY技術部(BCP-G) 本目部員 / あ畑副部 員 殿 発行:品質保証課
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みて先 能更好服果BCF-G 随风速度等的 CATAMORE SE 発行: 口回品面保证原 经过过路 受付 瘥 月 品 阐定 年 月. 日 **目的 ₹** 伍 盆 ফ্র 2200 - 136 - PLAY 舒 生 <u>*翠-</u>⑤ 6 **O** 8 正 £ 度 dtex 2274 2272 2275 厐 強 力 N 30. 40.3 Œ 36. 翰 匨 CN 1.34 鉉 1.59 伸 鹿 98 30. 節即水取爾 40. 35.5 쩛 95 西京市市市 36 放園飲伸屬伸曼寧 98 9 0 部水袋伸屬伸母母 6 2 96 9.0 0 4 W 15 23 雄型の極硬。風险方法 発 की: QFY1-12 Œ 理: 田当智 (完)

Test Request Card

Addressee: Quality Control Division Fiber G

Issued by: Industrial FY Engineering Department (BCF-G)

Product Name	2006-136-LD28					
Item	fineness, strength, stretching, boiling water					
·	shrinkage, elongation rate (before), elongation rate					
	(after), crimp number, deformation degree,					
·	cross-sectional photograph, retention of light					
	resistance and stretching					
	(The deformation degree and the cross-sectional					
	photograph are standards No. 4, 5 and 7. 1170-54-258					
	N-6: corresponding to the retention of light					
	resistance and stretching)					
The Number of Samples	15CH (standard 7 \times 2CH + 1CH (N-6))					
Purpose	Experimental Manufacture of DSCK Polylactic Acid BCF					
	(B02-12)					
Description	B-32m/c 2POS					
History	Mass Products					
	standard No.1~6 standard No.7					
Issue	Receipt					
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Addressee: Fiber Manufacture Department

The First Yarn Making Division

Industrial FY Engineering Department BCF-G

Issued by: Fiber Quality Control Division

Experimental Number	_	Received on :
	2000-136-LD28	Measured on Purpose
Title	Experimental Manufacture of DSCK Polylactic Acid BCF (B02-12)	

Sample	Standard 1		Standard 2		Standard 3		
Properties	Unit	. 5sp	6sp	5sp	6sp		
Total Fineness	dtex	1523	1515	1461	1444	5sp	6sp
Dry Extracting Force	N	22.9	23.5	19.9		1582	1587
Dry Strength	cN	1.50	1.55	1.36	18.9	15.4	15.0
Dry Elongation	8	41.5	41.2	41.4	1.31	0.97	0.95
Boiling Water Shrinkage	8	2.0	1.8		40.3	32.3	31.4
crimp elongation rate	8	1.0	1.2	2.6	3.1	6.1	5.7
crimp elongation rate		1.0	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
after being processed with boiling water	8 _.	6.3	5.8	5.8	5.5	9.0	8.8
Crimp Number	number /25mm	7.1	7.0	6.8	7.1	7.6	7.2

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Addressee: Fiber Manufacture Department

The First Yarn Making Division

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Experimental		
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Number	· ·	Measured on
Product Class	2000-136-LD28	Purpose
Title	Experimental Manufacture of DSCK	1 dlpose
	Polylactic Acid BCF (B02-12)	•

Sample		Standa	rd 4	Standa	rd 5	15 Standard 6	
Properties	Unit	5sp	6sp	5sp	6sp	5sp	6sp
Total Fineness	dtex	1517	1506	2069	2051	2048	2046
Dry Extracting Force	N	16.9	15.9	27.9	27.2	28.8	
Dry Strength	cN	1.11	1.06	1.35	1.33	 	28.5
Dry Elongation	& .	31.9	31.1	40.7	41.6	1.41	1.39
Boiling Water Shrinkage	ક	4.7	3.8	4.1	4.4	 	39.5
crimp elongation rate	ક	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.5	6.0
crimp elongation rate after being processed with boiling water	ało	7.5	7.2	5.2	5.5	5.0	5.1
Crimp Number	number /25mm	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.3	7.7
Deformation Degree of a Cross Section	_	4.23	3.81	3.75	4.09		

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Product Class	2000-136-LD28	Measured on Purpose	
Title	Experimental Manufacture of DSCK Polylactic Acid BCF (B02-12)	rurpose	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

Sample		Standa	rd 7	T		T	
Properties	Unit	5sp	6sp	 	1	 	
Total Fineness	dtex	1946	1965		 		
Dry Extracting Force	N	27.5	27.8	 		ļ	
Dry Strength	CN	1.41	1.42	 	 		
Dry Elongation	ક	43.6	42.0	 	 		
Boiling Water Shrinkage	8	4.1	3.7		 		
crimp elongation rate	8	0.7	0.7	 		/	
crimp elongation rate after being processed with boiling water	્ર	5.1	6.3				
Crimp Number	number /25mm	7.5	7.4				
Deformation Degree of a Cross Section	-	3.86	3.98				

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Test Request Card

Addressee: Quality Control Division Fiber G

Issued by: Industrial FY Engineering Department (BCF-G)

Product Name	1170-68-PLAY					
Item	fineness, strength, stretching, boiling water					
	shrinkage, elongation rate (before), elongation rate					
	(after),					
The Number of Samples	the number of crimps					
	7CH					
Purpose	Confirmation of Physical Properties of Polylactic Aci					
	Crimped Textured Yarn					
	(heat treatment at a low temperature, dry hot air)					
Description	2, 3, 4, and 5 Current Products					
	CPN A-2m/c 7POS , A-3m/c 1POS					
History	The state of the s					
_	Standard No. 20 F 7 0 10					
<u>_</u>	Standard No.2~5, 7, 9, 10					
Issue	Receipt					
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Addressee: Fiber Manufacture Department

The First Yarn Making Division

Industrial FY Engineering Department BCF-G

Issued by:

Fiber Quality Control Division

Experimental Number	·	Received on Measured on
Product Class	1170-68-PLAY	Purpose
Title	Confirmation of Physical Properties of Polylactic Acid Crimped Textured Yarn (heat treatment at a low temperature, dry hot air)	_

Sample	1170-68-PLAY							
Properties	Unit	2	3	1 4		TAI		
Total Fineness	dtex	1089		1000	5	7	9	10
Dry Extracting Force	N		1021	1023	1326	978	979	989
Dry Strength		16.2	18.6	18.8	10.6	16.2	19.4	18.6
	CN [‡]	1.49	1.82	1.84	0.80	1.66	1.98	1.88
Dry Elongation	ક	44.3	37.9	35.5	50.1	35.0	33.6	35.9
Boiling Water Shrinkage	olo	1.3	2.3	-3.3	2.3	2.0	3.6	1.8
crimp elongation rate	એ	2.2	1.6	1.3	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.6
crimp elongation rate after being processed with boiling water	ф	8.0	3.9	3.3	11.5	5.8	2.6	6.1
Crimp Number	number /25mm	8.0	8.1	6.6	9.4	7.7	4.6	7.4

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Person in Charge		·	Person in Charge	:	-



Test Request Card

Addressee: Quality Control Division Fiber G

Issued by: Industrial FY Engineering Department (BCF-G)

Description NV	
Product Name	2200-136-PLAY
Item	fineness, strength, stretching, boiling water
	shrinkage elongation rate (hesewal)
	shrinkage, elongation rate (before), elongation rate
	(after),
	the number of crimps, heat resistant stretching (Only
The Number of Samples	Sample-1 and Sample-2)
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Purpose	Confirmation of Physical Properties of Polylactic Acid
	Crimped Textured Yarn
Description	CPN A-2m/c 7,8POS
History	
	Sample-1,2 Standard No. 1 8
Issue	Receipt
Person	
in Charge	Person
	in Charge



Addressee: Fiber Manufacture Department

The First Yarn Making Division

Industrial FY Engineering Department BCF-G

Issued by: Fiber Quality Control Division

Experimental		Received on
Number	·	
Product Class	2200-136-PLAY	Measured on
Title	Confirmation of Physical Properties of Polylactic Acid Crimped Textured Yarn	Purpose

Sample							
Sampte	Υ			2200-1	136-PLAY	7	
Properties	Unit	Sar	mple		Star	ndard	
Total Divi		1	2	①	2	3	4
Total Fineness	dtex	2244	2268	2163	2142	2217	2209
Dry Extracting Force	N	31.2	36.2	31.3	36.0	30.6	32.4
Dry Strength	cN	1.39	1.60	1.45	1.68	1.38	1.47
Dry Elongation	₩ °8	34.1	38.6	35.3	36.2	30.0	35.4
Boiling Water Shrinkage	િક	3.6	1.8	0.6	1.1	4.1	3.2
crimp elongation rate	용	1.3	2.4	4.4	3.1	2.0	1.6
crimp elongation rate after being processed with boiling water	90	10.6	10.6	11.3	10.3		9.8
Crimp Number	number /25mm	7.7	8.6				
Heat Resistant Strength at 150°C for 30 minutes	N	27.6	33.5				
HeatResistant Elongation at 150°C for 30 minutes	\$	36.0	42.6				
Heat Resistant Retention of Strength at 150°C for 30 minutes	Qio	88.5	92.5				
Heat Resistant Retention of Elongation at 150°C for 30 minutes	ojo	105.6	110.4				
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Experimental Number		Received on Measured on Cool
Product Class	2200-136-PLAY	2001
Title	Confirmation of Physical Properties of Polylactic Acid Crimped Textured Yarn	Purpose

Sample	2200-136-PLAY					 	
Properties	Unit	Standard					7
		(5)	6	7	8		
Total Fineness	dtex	2274	2272	2275	2307		
Dry Extracting Force	N	30.4	33.0	40.3	36.7	 	
Dry Strength	cN	1.34	1.45	1.77	1.59	 	 /
Dry Elongation	용	30.8	37.1	40.9			/
Boiling Water Shrink	age %	7.9	3.6	3.1	35.5	 /	/
crimp elongation rat	e 8	0.9	1.6	1.7	3.0	 	
crimp elongation rat	:e	1 3.3	1.0	1./	1.2		
after being processe	ed &	7.2	9.0	7 4			
with boiling water			9.0	7.4	7.0		
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1. ポリ乳酸繊維の非衣料用途開発

(1)トヨタコンソーシアム関連

A. Lポリ乳酸BCF使いのオプションマットは、トヨタ純正技術標準規格 (TSF)に基づく評価の結果、臭気性を除くすべての項目が基準値をクリア し、2003年6月発売の"ラウム"に採用が内定した。東和織物委託に より、東レから豊田通商にテキスタイル原反を供給することに決定し、 2002年6月目標で今後生産技術を詰める。

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(1) トヨタコンソーシアム関連において、トヨタ自動車は、2003年6月発売の 小型自動車(ビッツ)にポリ乳酸短繊維使いのバックドアボード、及びポリ乳酸 BCF使いのオプションマットを本格採用することに決めた。現在、上記車輌規格 を前提にした原綿(6d-51mm)、BCF(2000D)の中量試作のための 検討を開始した。

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ポリ乳酸BCF第2回試作糸1170T-68fを用いて、東和織物にて先染糸によるカーマットを試作した結果、染色堅牢度は4級をクリアし、品位等にも大きな問題はなかった。タフト針による融着が認められ、今後、加工条件の適正化を進める。

2. ポリ乳酸繊維のカーペットパイル糸への展開

ポリ乳酸繊維を用いたBCF加工糸の染着挙動を確認した結果、濃色系について、 110℃で分散性、物性ともにほぼ問題ないことを確認した。また、発色性は良好で あるが、染色堅牢度はPET対比劣位であり、今後改善検討を進める。 - U O - U O; U 3: 1 4 P M;東レ (株) 知的財産部 滋賀

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2. Development of Polylactic Acid Fiber to Pile Yarn for Carpets

The dying behavior of BCF textured yarn using polylactic acid fiber was tested; as a result, it was confirmed that there was almost no problem in dispersibility and physical properties at 110°C in case of a deep color system. Also, the chromogenic property is good, but the dye fastness is inferior to that of PET. We are going to study and develop the improvement in the future.

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Prototype car mats were made of colored yarns using the second prototype polylactic acid BCF yarn 1170T-68f by TOWA ORIMONO CO., LTD.; as a result, they passed the fourth class of the dye fastness, and there was no big problem in appearance quality and the like. However, fusion bonding was caused on the mats by using tuft needles, and accordingly, the optimization of the processing conditions will be studied in the future.

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(1) In connection with TOYOTA Consortium, TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION has decided that back door boards using the polylactic acid short fiber and optional mats using the polylactic acid BCF will be officially used in the minicar (Bits) released in June, 2003. Now, we started to study for the medium-volume trial manufacture of the raw cotton (6 d-51 mm) and BCF (2000D) based on the above-mentioned motor vehicle standard.

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(1) TOYOTA Consortium Relationship

A. The optional mats using the L-polylactic acid BCF were evaluated based on TOYOTA Specified Parts Technology Standards (TSF); as a result, it was confirmed that the mats reached standard levels in all items other than odor, and they were informally decided to be used in "RAUM", which will be released in June 2003. It was decided that the whole textile cloth, consigned by TOWA ORIMONO CO., LTD., is supplied to TOYOTA TSUSHO CORPORATION from TORAY Industries, Inc., and the manufacturing technique will be finalized with the goal of starting the supply in June, 2002 in the future

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